

# OUTSPOKEN

## No Meeting Scheduled for February

We had plenty of good food at the January re-scheduled Christmas Party. Door prizes seemed to favor the Lalley Family. But hey.....somebody has to win. It was decided that since there is nothing pressing at this time, to not have a meeting in February. Remember that in February a lot of the bike shops have winter tune up specials going on, so get your bikes out and get ready for riding.....not collecting dust!

## 2017 Club Tour

Ten people met at the Lobby Coffee Shop (the old Kings Coffee Shop) in Lebanon on Saturday, January 21st to plan and discuss the 2017 Club Tour. A lot of ideas were bantered around with the most popular being the San Juans and Sisters. If you are interested in going on the tour, please come to the next tour meeting in March and have your opinion heard. Thanks.

## 2017 Newport Ride

**Craig** and **Sharon Lalley** have taken the reins for the **Newport Ride** from **Mary Ellen Lind** and **Dennis Murphy**. We appreciate all the years that **Mary Ellen** and **Dennis** planned and sagged this ride. Craig is planning a little different route this year and the date has been moved to May 6th and 7th so it doesn't interfere with the **Monster Cookie Ride** scheduled for April 30th in Salem. For more information, please contact **Craig** - 541.619.1678. Thanks

## February Rides

**Please be advised.....With the winter season riding season upon us, the routes may change as well as start location and time. There will be an email sent out Thursday or Friday and possibly Saturday morning. These will take precedence over the Newsletter/ Website. Please check your email at 8:00 AM Saturday for the latest route/time changes. The weather will get better, I promise you .....sometime! Thanks....the Editor**

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### 2017 Officers

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### Slo-Poke Sez

**Wear Your Helmet.**  
This was re-enforced Saturday on the club ride when a member went down and hit so hard he broke his helmet.



## February Rides

**Feb 4 - SLCH Santiam Terrace Loop - Start 10:00 AM SLCH - 32 Miles - C2 - 651 Ft. Gain - Bring a snack and water. James Gang Pizza afterwards for those that want.**

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/14634995>

**Feb 11 - SLCH to Berlin/Pleasant Valley - Start 10:00 AM SLCH - 33 Miles - C1/C2—887 Ft. Gain - With Options for a shorter loop - Bring a snack and water. Ixtapa afterwards for those that want**

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/18757091>

**Feb 18 - Jefferson to Independence Loop - Start 10:00 AM Jefferson Middle School - 34 Miles - C1 - 482 Ft. Gain - Thru Ankeny Wildlife Refuge to Independence and back via the Ferry - Bring \$1 for the Ferry.**

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/11332176>

**Feb 25 - SLCH to Brownsville Flat - Start 10:00 AM SLCH - 34 Miles - C1 - 524 Ft. Gain - Bring a snack and water - Conversion Brewing afterwards for those that want.**



<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/18755560>



## 2017 Strawberry - 25th Anniversary

After bringing cyclists together on the second weekend of each June for twenty-four successful years, the **Santiam Spokes** are excited for the Silver Anniversary of this classic event, the **Strawberry Century**. It's due largely in part to **you**, the club members, who have worked tirelessly to make the event better every single year. We have seen more participants, more miles, and more smiles at the end of the event each year. This year's event continues to stay in line with this progress, and adds a 25-mile route to the lineup along with adding a 50 Mile "Epic" route as an option to the 50 Mile ride. We are also bringing back the popular "Epic" option for participants in the 75, or 100 mile categories. And as always, there is a 13 mile route for those new to cycling or the family with smaller children. This route will be guided by club members like before.

Also this year the **Spokes** will be in the **Lebanon Strawberry Parade** promoting our ride the following week. Rumor has it that our entry will be a restored '54 Chevy pickup with banners advertising the **Santiam Spokes** and our **Strawberry Century Ride**. It will be accompanied by kids on bicycles followed by **Roger Munk's** yellow **Velomobile**.

So get involved and volunteer to make the **25th Anniversary Strawberry Century** the best ever. As always, volunteers are needed. Please consider emailing **Sandy Law** @redballooninthesky@yahoo.com and ask her where you can help. **Thanks!**

